Use of computers

2694. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay stress on the use of computers in fields like chemicals and management services;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to use computers to boost both educational and industrial sector also; and

(c) if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department of Electronics, on the basis of its assessement of manpower requirements in the area of computers, has initiated a number of programmes for computer education at various levels.

A Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) project has been launched to introduce computer literacy at the school stage. The objectives of the CLASS project are:—

— to provide students with a broad understanding of computers and their role;

— to provide hands-on experience;

— to familiarise the students with the range of computer applications in all walks of human activity and computers potential as controlling and information processing tool;

— to demystify computers and to develop a degree of ease and familiarity with computers which would be conducive to developing individual creativity in identifying and developing applications relevant to their immediate environment.

The emphasis in this programme will be on manipulative skills rather than on teaching principles of computer science.

The target to be achieved during 1985-86 is to cover 500 schools in addition to 250 schools already covered in 1984-85. Other programmes initiated include Computer Course at Craftsman Level, Diploma in Computer Applications, Masters in Computer Application, B.Tech/M. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering.

Major projects undertaken in the area of chemical industry include design of heat erchangers, condensors, evaponators, distillation columns, pressure vessel, piping system, simulation of chemical plants and energy analysis.

The Department of Electronics has launched Computer Aided Management (CAM) programme with UNDP assistance. The ojectives of the project is to promote fuller utilisation of resources and manpower in the organised sectors of economy through improvement in effectiveness of management techniques in the country. Under this programme four CAM centres (3 centres with Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta, and one with Administrative Staff College of India at Hyderabad) have been established to carry out research and development in CAM techniques.

Relaxation in visa rules

2695. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to relax the visa rules in order to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The question was considered recently and with a view to promote tourism, it has been decided that tourist visas may be made good for multiple entries instead of the existing three entries. Children of foreign nationals of Indian origin below 12 years have been exempted from visa requirement and are eligible for grant of non-extendable landing permit for 90 days. These permits are issued by Immigration authorities and are not valid for admission into educational institutions.

Promotion of Head Constables in Delhi Police

2696. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 104 head constables were promoted as assistant sub-inspectors in Delhi Police vide order No. 21851 dated 16th July, 1984 ignoring the claims of all the eligible SC/ST head constables for promotion;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) 104 Head Constables were promoted on *ad hoc* basis to the post of Assistant Sub-Inspectors in Delhi Police in July, 1984. According to Delhi Police, it is not correct that claims of any eligible SC/ST Head Constables had been ignored in this process.

(c) Does not arise.

Intimidation of Presiding Officers at the Office of Labour Commissioner

2697. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that some trade union leaders harass the representatives of the management while going to attend legal proceeding and interfere in the administration of justice by intimidating the Presiding Officers and the Conciliation Officers at the Office of the Labour Commissioner 15, Rajpura Road, Delhi by organising unlawful assemblies;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint from the Indian industrialists, employers and Traders Association (Regd.) dated the 19th October, 1984 addressed to the Lt. Governor, Delhi and if so, what are the details in that regard and what action has been taken on the complaint; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to curb the lawlessness and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Workers' Union office bearers and also representatives of management frequently attend the Labour Commissioners' Office. However, it is not correct that the Trade Union Leaders have forced unlawful assemblies at the office of the Labour Commissioner. In case of any violation of law, necessary legal action is taken.

(b) No such complaint was received on 19-10-1984. However, complaints regarding labour management disputes were received which were investigated, but it was found that the disputes were of a civil nature and no cognizable offences were made out.

(c) In order to prevent any untoward incident and lawlessness Delhi Police have deployed police and Home Guard personnel. Additional police force is provided, as and when any law and order situation is apprehended or it is otherwise considered necessary.

Festival of India in USA and France

2698. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the various dances, musical and cultural Troupes